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COUNTRY: SWEDEN INTERNATIONAL

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SUBJECT: MOVE OF SECRETARIAT OF INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL
AND FUTURE TRIBUNAL PLANS

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SOURCE:

1. IN A STORMY CLOSED SESSION SUNDAY NIGHT 7 MAY THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL VOTED TO MOVE THE TRIBUNAL SECRETARIAT

FROM LONDON TO PARIS. THIS VOTE CAME ON A MOTION BY DAVID DELLINGER AND SECONDED BY CARL COLESBY, BOTH OF THE UNITED STATES. THERE WERE

10 VOTES IN FAVOR OF THE MOVE. AMADOU HERNANDEZ OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND MELBA HERNANDEZ OF CUBA ABSTAINED. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING

ALL TRIBUNAL MEMBERS AGREED TO KEEP THE VOTE SECRET. COMMENTS

FROM THE SPONSORS OF THE MOTION IT APPEARS THAT SOME AMERICAN MEMBERS

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WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED THE BRITISH POSITION, HAVE NOW SWUNG OVER TO THE FRENCH SIDE IN THE CONTINUING SPLIT BETWEEN ENGLISH AND FRENCH SPEAKING MEMBERS.)

2. DURING THE DEBATE ISAACK DEUTSCHER, BRITISH HISTORIAN AND MEMBER OF THE TRIBUNAL, WALKED OUT OF THE MEETING AND DID NOT RETURN. RALPH SCHOENMAN ACCUSED THE FRENCH GROUP IN THE TRIBUNAL OF "POLITICAL MOTIVES" IN SEEKING THE MOVE. A LETTER FROM BERTRAND RUSSELL WAS RECEIVED WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS DEALING WITH FINANCES. THE FRENCH GROUP REFUSED EVEN TO HAVE THIS LETTER TRANSLATED INTO FRENCH AND LAURENT SCHWARTZ, FRENCH DELEGATE WAS HEARD TO MURMUR "BLACKMAIL".

COMMENT: [REDACTED] GAVE THE IMPRESSION THE LETTER WAS A VEILED THREAT TO WITHDRAW FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE TRIBUNAL IF THE SECRETARIAT WAS MOVED.)

3. THE TRIBUNAL NOW OWES THE BERTRAND RUSSELL PEACE FOUNDATION \$100,000 PLUS THE COSTS OF THE FRENCH COMMITTEE, WHICH WERE COVERED BY AN ADVANCE FROM THE FOUNDATION. THE FOUNDATION NOW WANTS RETURNED THE FUNDS IT ADVANCED TO PARIS. IN ADDITION THERE IS A DEFICIT OF \$23,000 ON THE TRIBUNAL BOOKS.

4. NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN REGARDING RALPH SCHOENMAN'S FUTURE AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE TRIBUNAL. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT

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HE IS DISLIKED BY THE FRENCH GROUP.

5. THE TRIBUNAL WILL HOLD CLOSED SESSIONS NIGHT OF 8 MAY AND MORNING OF 9 MAY AND A FINAL OPEN SESSION THE AFTERNOON OF 9 MAY. A SHORT STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED ON THE 10TH AND A LONGER MORE DETAILED STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED LATER, POSSIBLY AS MUCH AS TWO MONTHS LATER. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TRIBUNAL WILL BE IN STOCKHOLM IN OCTOBER. NO DEFINITE DATE WILL BE DECIDED UPON AT THE CURRENT MEETINGS.

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